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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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a. Introductory Comments

Claims 1, 2, and 4 – 18 are pending. The Official Action allows claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 – 13 and rejects claims 5, and 14 – 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Herein, claims 5 and 14 are amended.

5 Applicants request reconsideration.